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Sent: 10/14/2019 3:32:46 PM
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Subject: FW: Final Agenda, CORRECTION on TAX EXEMPTION, and requesting attendee list for Oct 22-24, 2019 WQS-M&A Meeting
Attachments: ST WQS-M&A Oct2019 Agenda.docx

Importance: High

Can you confirm to me that you can do this (remotely) for HECD on the 22nd it says 10:20am, so its 12:20pm or 1:20pm our time I think. Agenda attached. We have a presentation already. I will dig out. I need to let Tina know ASAP. Shari is checking with Lars and John whether they can be on the line too.

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Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 3:38 PM
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Subject: RE: Final Agenda, CORRECTION on TAX EXEMPTION, and requesting attendee list for Oct 22-24, 2019 WQS-M&A Meeting

Looping in Shari Barash too as her folks would be the ones to have on to talk implementation. I will touch base with all Tuesday and get back to you. I apologize again. In the future don't hesitate to reach out to me first!

Jamie

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Jamie,

Ah-ha! That makes a lot of sense. I was wondering why I hadn't heard from him because usually I can track him down one way or another. 😊

I was assuming it would be a remote presentation. We will definitely have remote access capabilities. We were hoping John (or someone from HQs) could describe the basis for the criteria. We had allocated about 20 minutes for a talk. Then we wanted to engage the states on a discussion about whether they planned to adopt the criteria and/or a discussion of any implementation challenges from the monitoring and assessment perspective.

As a noted, we still have a window to tweak the agenda so if the proposed time is bad we can make adjustments to accommodate HQs schedule. Appreciate your help!

Tina

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Tina,
I am so sorry, I had no idea you reached out. John is on a detail in OST's IO. I am sure he is just busy and must have missed this request. Let me talk to Lesley and Betsy about having someone here present. Both are out today and I want to check availability (and travel funds). The meeting is very soon, is there a possibility it could be a remote presentation?

Thanks,
Jamie

From: Laidlaw, Tina <Laidlaw.Tina@epa.gov>

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Jamie,

Sorry to bother you but I haven't heard back from John. I hope he's ok. I've left vmail messages and a few emails. He's usually pretty responsive but I haven't heard back from him and our meeting is quickly approaching.

We are trying to find someone from HQs to present during our states and tribes meeting on the 2019 rec criteria. Please see the attached agenda for details. We were hoping that John might be available but, if not, perhaps Leslie could present? If needed, we can adjust the time but I just need to know soon whether someone from HQs can present or if I need to get more up to speed on things.

Appreciate the feedback.

Tina

From: Laidlaw, Tina

Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 9:09 PM

To: Ravenscroft, John <Ravenscroft.John@epa.gov>

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John,

Can you please please let me know if you are available to present? If you aren't, I understand but would like to know as soon as possible. Thanks!

Look forward to hearing from you.

Tina

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Subject: Final Agenda, CORRECTION on TAX EXEMPTION, and requesting attendee list for Oct 22-24, 2019 WQS-M&A Meeting

Hi all –

Sending a final agenda; a CORRECTION on tax exemption for the Holiday Inn Express hotel; and a request for a list of attendees from your state or tribe for our Oct 22-24, 2019 meeting with the water quality standards (WQS) and monitoring and assessment (M&A) folks.

Agenda: The agenda is attached and self-explanatory. Thanks to all those who suggested ideas and topics and offered to lead or present discussions. The schedule has a couple brief open slots which we'll reserve for topics arising during the meeting unless you can convince our stubborn, stodgy planning committee otherwise.

CORRECTION ON TAX EXEMPTION: Holiday Inn Express is now requesting that **all guests at the hotel fill out the attached tax-exempt forms** and present the forms before checking out. Otherwise you will be charged both Colorado state and Denver city taxes and fees. We were told earlier that presenting a state or tribal ID card would suffice, but that was incorrect and you'll want to fill out the attached forms. Note you need to fill out both pages 1 (for state exemption) and 3 (for Den exemption) and this includes providing a tax exemption number – pls check with your finances or travel folks for those tax exempt numbers. The forms can be provided to the hotel at check-in, during your stay, or at check-out.

Request for List of Attendees: The EPA Region 8 building security staff is asking for a list of those planning to attend the meeting. This helps them provide the appropriate number of staff to check people in and expedites the check-in process. **Would each state and tribe please provide me a list of those planning to attend by COB Th Oct 17.** No need to be exact, and please err on the side of inclusion. Please bring an ID when you arrive at the EPA R8 building (16th and Wynkoop St.s) each morning and proceed to the 2nd floor security/check-in office to receive a visitors badge.

That's it for today. Maps and other useful info to follow soon. Please email or call with any questions or concerns. Looking forward to seeing everyone in person.
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From: Parrish, George

Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2019 4:51 PM

To:

Subject: STRAWMAN Agenda for Oct 22-24, 2019 Water Quality Standards Annual Meeting - this year in Denver w/ Monitoring & Assessment folks

Hi all –

Attached is a Strawman Agenda for our annual meeting coupling the Water Quality Standards and the Monitoring and Assessment folks in EPA Region 8 on Tues Oct 22 – Th Oct 24, 2019. The proposed schedule adjourns our meeting at 2pm on Th Oct 24 to afford folks the ability to travel on Th afternoon-evening. **Please provide any suggestions, edits or comments on the proposed agenda by COB Fri Aug 23rd**. We will distribute a final agenda after revising in accordance with your suggestions. Also please note the exciting opportunities to suggest topics and/or volunteer as a speaker/presenter on topics of interest. Presentations need be neither fancy nor refined, as we're just looking to spur constructive discussions on noteworthy issues. So if you've got enough material to start up an interesting discussion with your colleagues please propose a topic/presenter.

NOTE: The cut-off date to make government rate reservations with the Holiday Inn Express is **September 21, 2019**.

Looking forward to hearing and sharing what's on everyone's minds.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2019 3:42 PM

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Subject: SAVE THE DATE: Oct 22-24, 2019 Water Quality Standards Annual Meeting - this year in Denver w/ Monitoring & Assessment folks

Hello State and Tribal Colleagues,

This year's Region 8 States and Tribes Water Quality Standards Meeting will be **October 22nd to 24th, 2019 at EPA Region 8 office at 1595 Wynkoop Street in Denver, CO**. As many of you know, the Region 8 Water Quality Standards (WQS) program holds annual State/Tribal meetings that include another water quality program. This year will be a joint meeting with the Monitoring & Assessment (M&A) program and we hope to have state/tribal participation from both WQS and M&A programs. Our meetings typically spark insightful, frank and helpful conversations and sharing of ideas, and we hope to continue that tradition.

A block of 30 hotel rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express in downtown Denver.

- The hotel is located at 1715 Tremont Place, Den, CO 80202. It is about 20-25 min.s walk from the EPA office, but only 2 blocks to the free 16th Street Mall shuttle (~10-15 min.s ride).
- The "cut-off" date for reserving a room is September 21, 2019 to get the group government-rate (\$181.00 single/or double occupancy). A phone number and link to make reservations are provided below. Please identify yourself as part of the EPA Water Quality Standards Group when registering.
- The hotel has free breakfast, wired/wireless internet connection, and 24/7 fitness center. The hotel does not provide shuttle service to/from Denver International Airport but you can take the light-rail A Line (<https://www.denver.org/about-denver/transportation/airport-rail/>) for just \$10.50 to Union Station (adjacent

to EPA office) and the Mall Shuttle to the hotel. Shuttle and Taxi services to/from the airport are also available. Parking in downtown Denver is expensive, so please plan appropriately (e.g., discuss off-site parking availability w/hotel staff or others) if driving to the hotel location.

- A Tax Exempt Form is attached if you'd like to be exempt from city and/or state taxes. (You can alternatively show a valid State/Tribal Government ID at check-in.) The hotel requests receiving the completed form (or your State/Tribal ID) at the time of check-in. There is a 15.75% tax added otherwise.

A strawman agenda, map and additional logistics (e.g., nearby restaurants, light-rail and mall shuttle information) will be distributed shortly. Please put on your thinking caps and be ready to share with your colleagues those issues or ideas that are/not working for you – especially those integrating both WQS and M&A topics. In the meantime, please feel free to share any thoughts or ideas with this year's meeting planners (George Parrish & Liz Rogers, EPA R8 and Blake Bayea, CDPHE). Also, please forward this email to any interested WQS or M&A folks that were unintentionally missed.

Looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces and hearing your thoughts and ideas in October,
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Hotel Information: Holiday Inn Express downtown Denver (sister property w/the Brown Palace): EPA Water Quality Standards Group Room Block

Phone: 303-296-0400

Check-in date: 10/21/19

Check-out date: 10/24/19

Last day to book: 9/21/19

- **Holiday Inn Express downtown Denver** for 181.00 USD per night. Please Ctrl-Click on the highlighted link provided below:

[EPA Room Block at Holiday Inn Express Denver Downtown](#)

Select a Government Rate room, and the EP1 (EPA WQS Room Block) should auto-populate. Follow prompts. Pls contact Holiday Inn Express at the phone number above if you have any difficulties or questions.